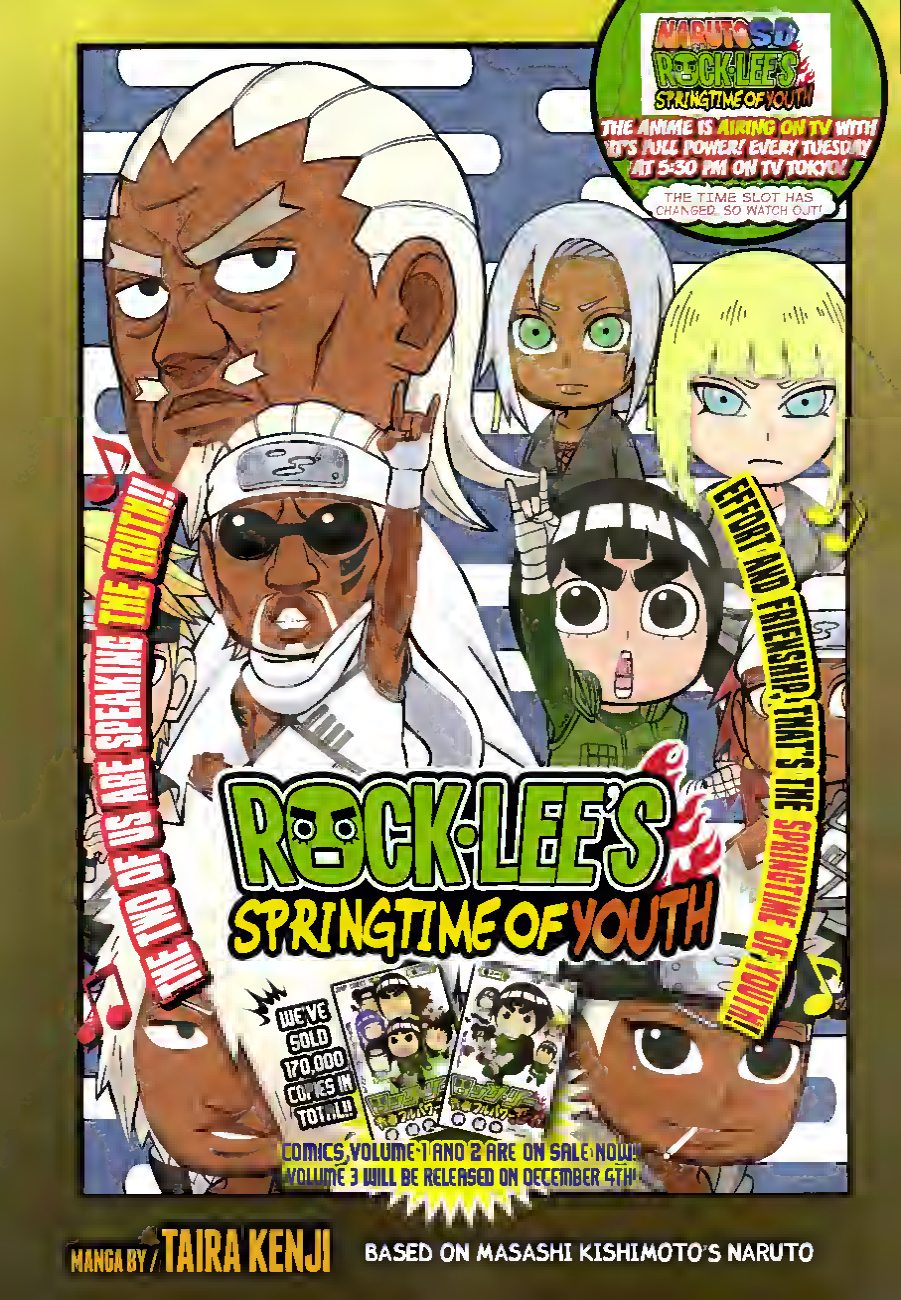
NARUTO SD
ROCK LEE'S SPRINGTIME OF YOUTH
THE ANIME IS AIRING ON TV WITH ITS FULL POWER! EVERY TUESDAY AT 5:30 PM ON TV TOKYO!
THE TIME SLOT HAS CHANGED, SO WATCH OUT!
THE TWO OF US ARE SPEAKING THE TRUTH!!
EFFORT AND FRIENDSHIP! THAT'S THE SPRINGTIME OF YOUTH!
ROCK·LEE'S SPRINGTIME OF YOUTH
WE'VE SOLD 120,000 COMICS IN TOTAL!!
COMICS, VOLUME 1 AND 2 ARE ON SALE NOW!!
VOLUME 3 WILL BE RELEASED ON DECEMBER 4TH!
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BASED ON MASASHI KISHIMOTO'S NARUTO

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HELLO EVERYONE! NICE TO MEET YOU!
ANYWAY, THIS IS THE GUY WHO SAID HE WANTED TO JOIN US.
TOBI IS A GOOD BOY!
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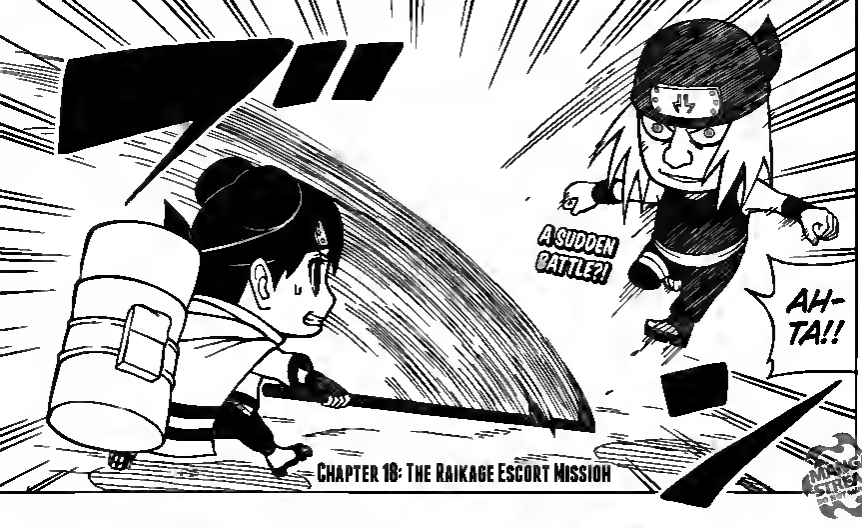
IF I DON'T STOP THEM...
INTERES-TING...
HEY, HEY! EVERYONE'S READY TO GO, HUH?
BLEH!



Chapter 18: The Raikage Escort Mission

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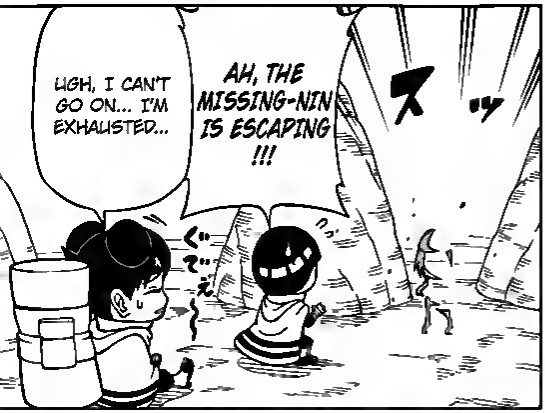
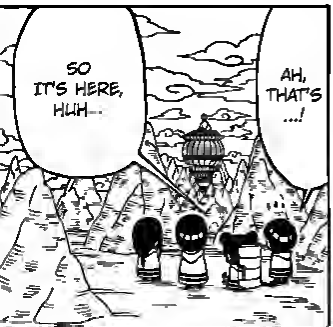
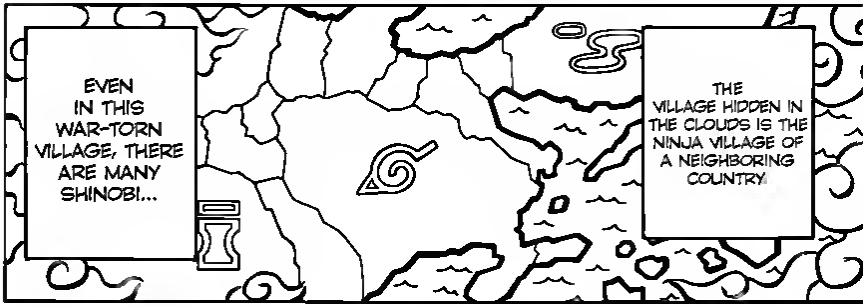
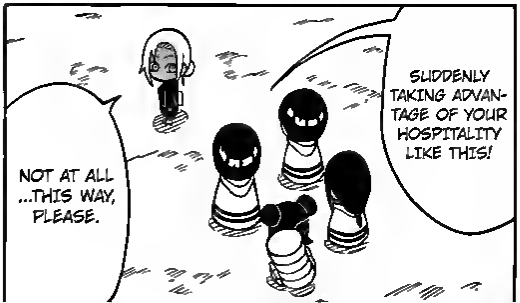


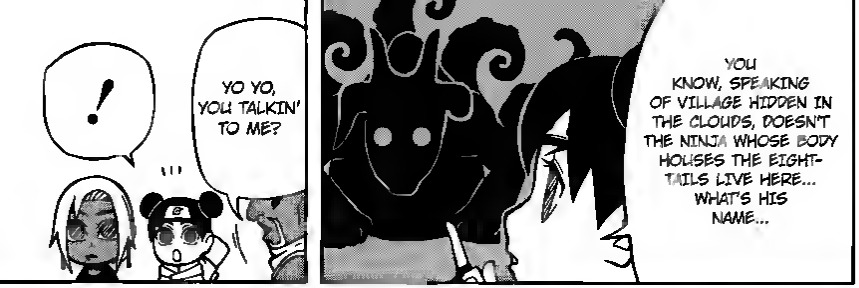


WE'RE CLOSE TO THE VILLAGE HIDDEN IN THE CLOUDS!


EVEN IN THIS WAR-TORN VILLAGE, THERE ARE MANY SHINOBI...
THE VILLAGE HIDDEN IN THE CLOUDS IS THE NINJA VILLAGE OF A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY.


NOT AT ALL ...THIS WAY, PLEASE.
SUDDENLY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR HOSPITALITY LIKE THIS!

AH, YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE US...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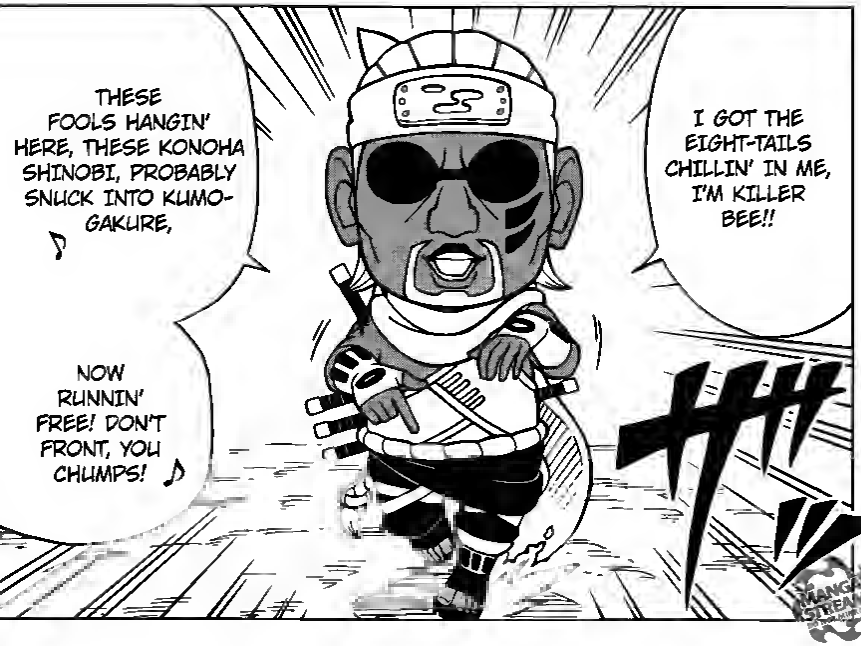
YO YO, YOU TALKIN' TO ME?
YOU KNOW, SPEAKING OF VILLAGE HIDDEN IN THE CLOUDS, DOESN'T THE NINJA WHOSE BODY HOUSES THE EIGHT-TAILS LIVE HERE... WHAT'S HIS NAME...


THESE FOOLS HANGIN' HERE, THESE KONOHA SHINOBI, PROBABLY SNUCK INTO KUMO-GAKURE,
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NOW RUNNIN' FREE! DON'T FRONT, YOU CHUMPS! ♪
I GOT THE EIGHT-TAILS CHILLIN' IN ME, I'M KILLER BEE!!
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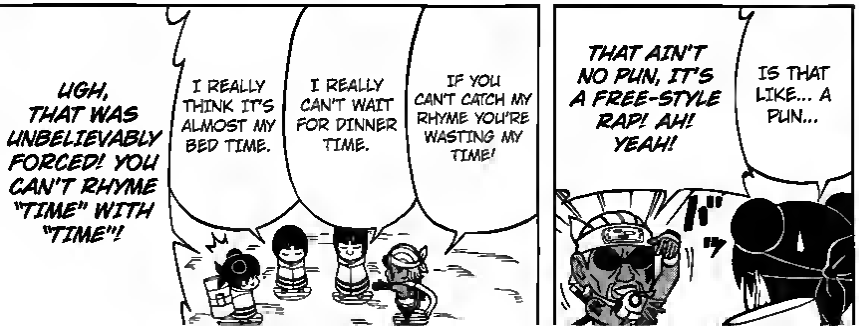
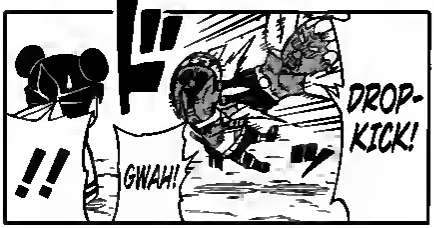

UGH, THAT WAS UNBELIEVABLY FORCED! YOU CAN'T RHYME "TIME" WITH "TIME"!
I REALLY THINK IT'S ALMOST MY BED TIME.
I REALLY CAN'T WAIT FOR DINNER TIME.
IF YOU CAN'T CATCH MY RHYME YOU'RE WASTING MY TIME!
THAT AIN'T NO PUN, IT'S A FREE-STYLE RAP! AH! YEAH!
IS THAT LIKE... A PUN...

THIS IS SO OBNOXIOUS! AND SINCE WHEN DID YOU ALL BECOME BROS?
YO
YO
YOU'RE JUST NIT-PICKING!
DON'T FRONT, CHUMP!
ROCK
GUY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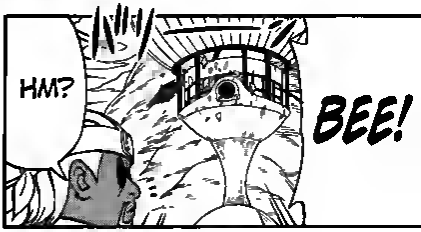
GWAH!
DROP-KICK!


HM?
BEE!

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? I TOLD YOU, YOU HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN JUST HANG AROUND!
B-BROTHER!!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? SHOW SOME RESPECT!
HOW DID YOU GET SO BUFF, MR. MACHO MAN, SIR?
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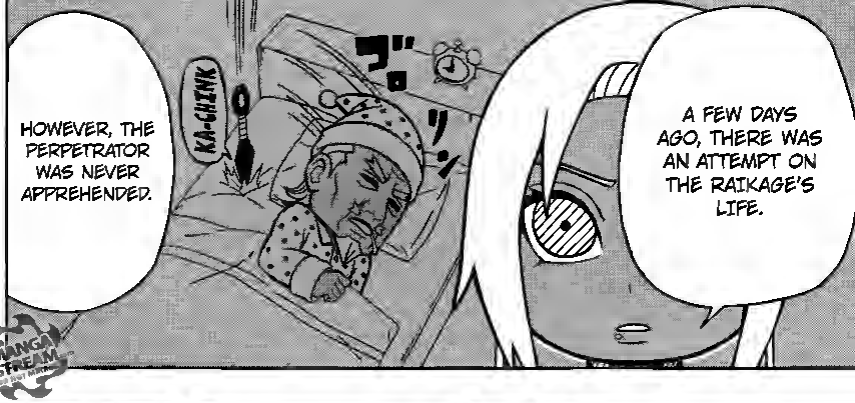
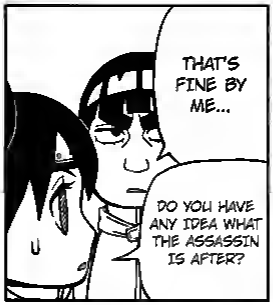
NOW THIS IS A MACHO MAN!!
THAT MAN IS THE NUMBER ONE NINJA OF THE VILLAGE, THE RAIKAGE!
WE NEED TO BE ON OUR BEST BEHAVIOR...

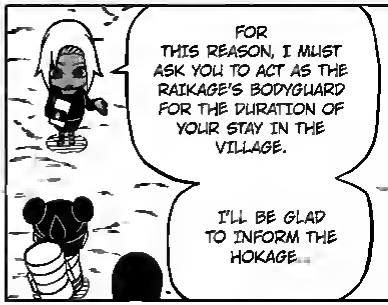
S-S-S-S-S-S-S-S-SORRY!! FORGIVE ME!
HE'S TERRIFYING!
WORM! I'LL SHOW YOU THE HORROR OF MY WRATH!

YES... ACTUALLY...
A BODY-GUARD? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
YOU IDIOT! I DON'T NEED ANY BODY-GUARD!
HEY, BROTHER, I'LL PROTECT THE HEAD OF THE VILLAGE!
IT'LL BE A PRIVILEGE! LET YOUR LITTLE BROTHER HANDLE THIS! YO!


A FEW DAYS AGO, THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT ON THE RAIKAGE'S LIFE.
KA-CHUNK
HOWEVER, THE PERPETRATOR WAS NEVER APPREHENDED.

...HRMPH...


THAT'S FINE BY ME...
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE ASSASSIN IS AFTER?


FOR THIS REASON, I MUST ASK YOU TO ACT AS THE RAIKAGE'S BODYGUARD FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR STAY IN THE VILLAGE.
I'LL BE GLAD TO INFORM THE HOKAGE...

IT ISN'T UNUSUAL TO HAVE A GRUDGE HELD AGAINST YOU!
NINJAS AND VILLAGES ARE ALWAYS QUARRELING WITH EACH OTHER!
THAT IS TO SAY, IT IS THE FATE OF ALL NINJAS TO ENCOUNTER HATRED!

WHAT'S WRONG, NEJI? WHAT'S WITH THAT SCARY FACE?
?
...IS... IS THAT SO...
?
THAT'S ODD...
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...NO... IT'S NOTHING.
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LORD BEE!
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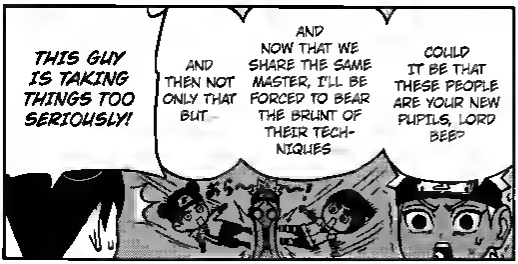
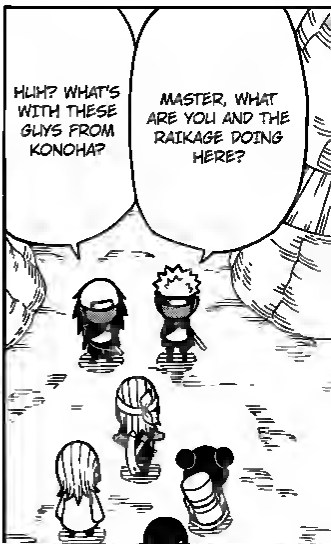
DON'T YOU ALSO HAVE MANY EXCELLENT NINJA HERE?
OF COURSE.

OMOI! KARUI!


THIS GUY IS TAKING THINGS TOO SERIOUSLY!
AND THEN NOT ONLY THAT BUT...
AND NOW THAT WE SHARE THE SAME MASTER, I'LL BE FORCED TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF THEIR TECHNIQUES...
COULD IT BE THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE YOUR NEW PUPILS, LORD BEE?


HUH? WHAT'S WITH THESE GUYS FROM KONOHA?
MASTER, WHAT ARE YOU AND THE RAIKAGE DOING HERE?

THIS CHICK'S TAKING THINGS TOO LIGHTLY!
WE HAVE FREE TIME, LET'S TRAVEL!
THESE GUYS JUST SHOWED UP ON A WHIM.
OMOI, AS USUAL, YOU'RE OVER THINKING STUFF

IT'S A KUNAI ATTACK! LORD RAI-KAGE!!
T/N KUMO-RYUU URAGIRI
CLOUD-STYLE: BACK SLICE!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
MANGA STREAM

NOT AT ALL, LORD RAIKAGE...
THANKS FOR THE HELP, OMOI.
WAS THERE REALLY A POINT TO THAT?
WOAH!
HOW ABOUT THAT? I PRETENDED TO CUT THE FRONT, BUT THE TECHNIQUE IS ACTUALLY A DECEPTIVE BACK SLASH!

MANGA STREAM
TOO SERIOUS ...!!
AND NOT ONLY THAT..
AND AS PUNISHMENT, HE'S GOING TO GIVE ME A TERRIBLE LOOK!
OH GOD! THE RAIKAGE'S GOING TO BE FURIOUS!
FURY!
HIS SLASH CUT ALL THE WAY TO THE RAIKAGE'S HAIR! IT TOTALLY CHANGED HIS LOOK!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TWO...
TOO LIGHT ...!!
DON'T GET YOUR PANTIES IN A BUNCH! I BET THE RAIKAGE TOTALLY DIGS HIS NEW LOOK!
LOOKIN' GOOD!

YES, SIR! SENSEI!
LEE! LET'S PROTECT THE RAIKAGE WITH OUR FIERY PASSION!
IF YOU DON'T KEEP YOUR COOL AT ALL TIMES...
CAPTAIN SAMUI!!
NINJAS SHOULD ACT COOL!
SHUT UP!!
YEEE EEEA AAHH HH!!
RIGHT... COOL...
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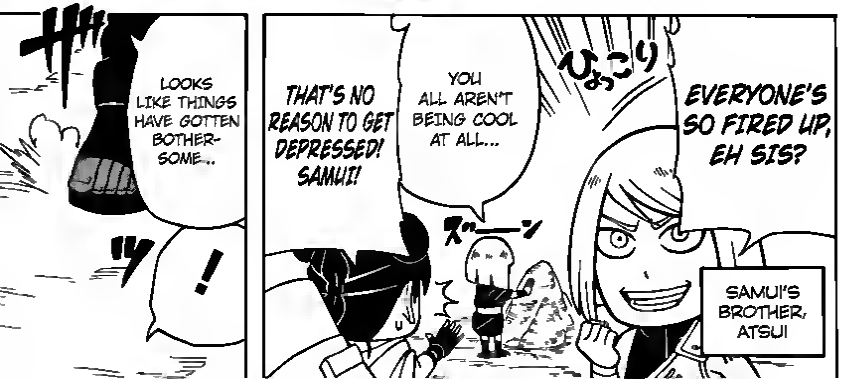
LOOKS LIKE THINGS HAVE GOTTEN BOTHER-SOME...
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THAT'S NO REASON TO GET DEPRESSED! SAMUI!
YOU ALL AREN'T BEING COOL AT ALL...
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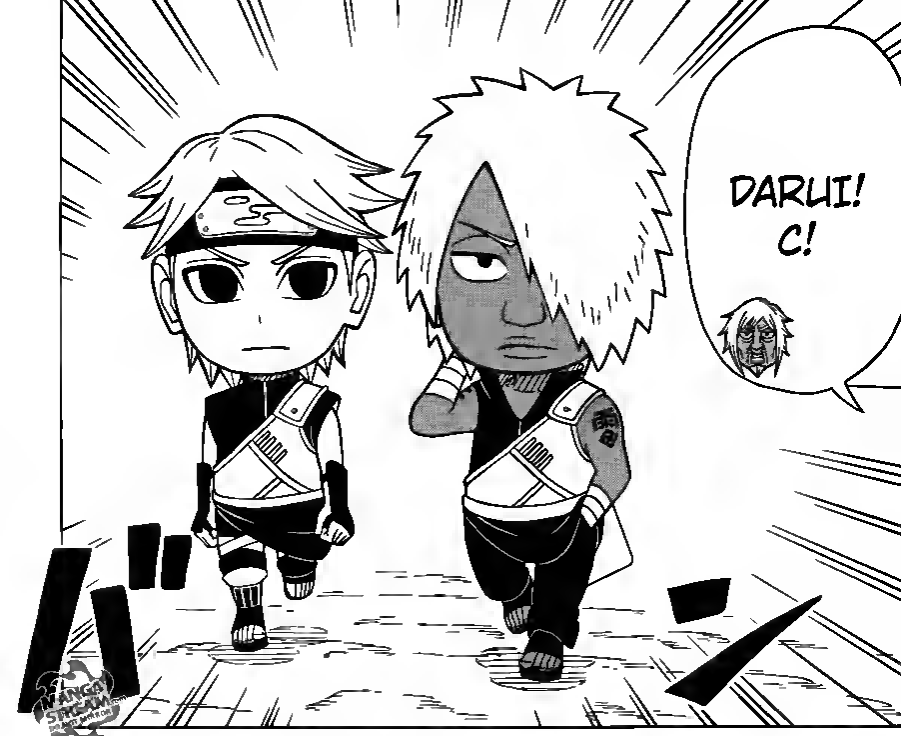
EVERYONE'S SO FIRED UP, EH SIS?
SAMUI'S BROTHER, ATSUI



T/N: MABUI = CUTE/PRETTY

BLA... BLACK LIGHT-NING!
SOME-ONE IS HIDING THERE!
!
RUSTLE
THIS TECHNIQUE WAS PASSED DOWN EXCLUSIVELY TO DARUI BY THE PREVIOUS RAIKAGE!
THAT'S DARUI'S LIGHT-NING ELEMENT, BLACK PANTHER* TECHNIQUE.
T/N: KAITON: KUROPANKI
THAT'S NOT A PANTHER, THAT'S A PAIR OF BLACK PANTIES!
RAI-TON...
WOAH!
KURO-PAN...
WAH!
TRIP
TEEZ!

AND FOR SOME REASON, IT STILL SCORED A CRITICAL HIT ON THE RAI-KAGE!!
NWA AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA AA!!!!
HOW THE HELL DO YOU ACCIDENTLY SAY THAT?!
RAI-TON...
SHIT, AT THIS RATE THE ENEMY WILL GET AWAY...
LASER CIR...
WAH!
TRIP
PORT-BRA!!

IT'S LIKE THE RAIKAGE IS SLOWLY PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER FOR HIS OWN SEXY JUTSU! WHAT THE HELL?!
NWA AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA AA!!!!
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COMING AFTER MY BROTHER, I CAN'T FORGIVE THAT AWFUL CRETIN...
AND MY ENEMY APPREHENSION TECHNIQUE CAN'T BE BEATEN!
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WOOSH
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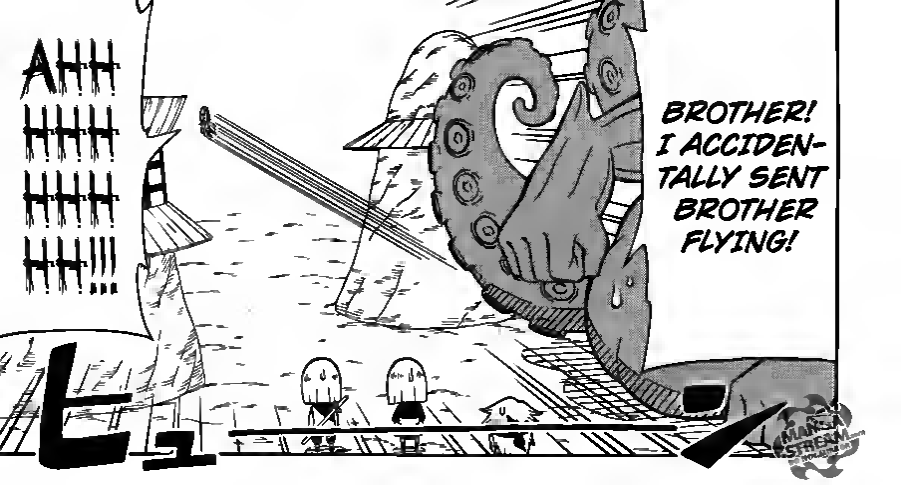
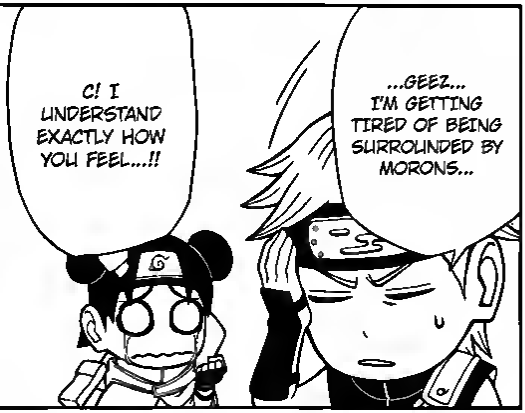
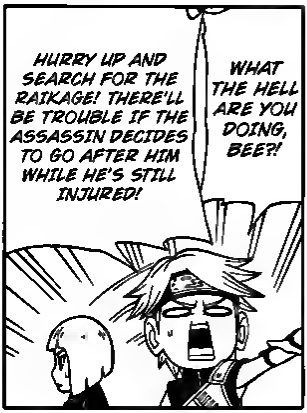
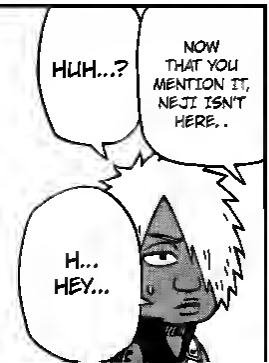
FURTHERMORE, HE HAS COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THE EIGHT-TAILS' POWER.
BEE HOUSES THE EIGHT-TAILS IN HIS BODY..
OCTOPUS TENTACLES ...FROM HIS BODY!!

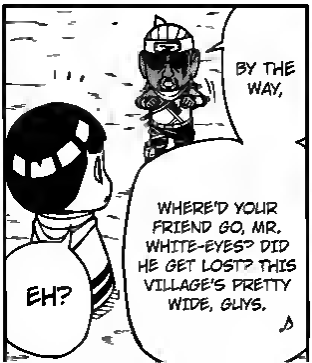
I GOT THE EIGHT-TAILS CHILLIN' IN ME. I'M KILLER BEE!!
DON'T TURN INTO THE EIGHT-TAILS INSIDE THE VILLAGE!!
YEEE EEEEE EEAAA AAAAA AHHH HHH!!
GAHAH!
BEE! RETURN TO YOUR NORMAL FORM!
YOU DOLT! THE TAILED-BEAST FORM IS VERY DANGEROUS...


AHH HHH HHH HH!!!
BROTHER! I ACCIDENTALLY SENT BROTHER FLYING!


C! I UNDERSTAND EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL...!!
...GEEZ... I'M GETTING TIRED OF BEING SURROUNDED BY MORONS...


HURRY UP AND SEARCH FOR THE RAIKAGE! THERE'LL BE TROUBLE IF THE ASSASSIN DECIDES TO GO AFTER HIM WHILE HE'S STILL INJURED!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, BEE?!


HUH...?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, NEJI ISN'T HERE..
H... HEY...


BY THE WAY,
WHERE'D YOUR FRIEND GO, MR. WHITE-EYES? DID HE GET LOST? THIS VILLAGE'S PRETTY WIDE, GUYS.
EH?

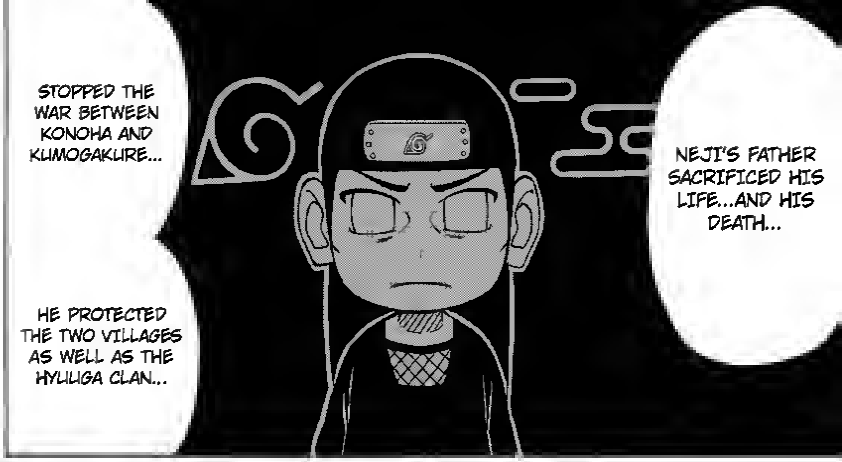
I REALLY MESSED UP, I GOTTA FESS UP!
NOW WHO'S THE CHUMP...

...YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT...
?
A MEMBER OF THE HYUUGA CLAN...?!
WHITE EYES ...YOU DON'T MEAN...?
.....
WHAT IS IT?
I MUST HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU AND TEN-TEN ABOUT IT BEFORE...
WHAT? WHAT'S GOING ON?
SO THAT MEANS...
THAT NEJI'S FATHER DIED!!
!!!
IT WAS DUE TO THE QUARRELS BETWEEN KONOHA AND KUMOGA-KURE...

.....
WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?
...WHAT?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
.....

MANY SHINOBI HAVE LONG SOUGHT AFTER THIS POWER...
THE SPECIAL POWER OF THE HYUUGA CLAN, THE BYAKUGAN...

FIGHTING OVER THE BYAKUGAN... 13 YEARS AGO...
KONOHA AND KUMOGAKURE WERE ALMOST THROWN INTO WAR...
HOWEVER...


STOPPED THE WAR BETWEEN KONOHA AND KUMOGAKURE...
HE PROTECTED THE TWO VILLAGES AS WELL AS THE HYUUGA CLAN...
NEJI'S FATHER SACRIFICED HIS LIFE...AND HIS DEATH...

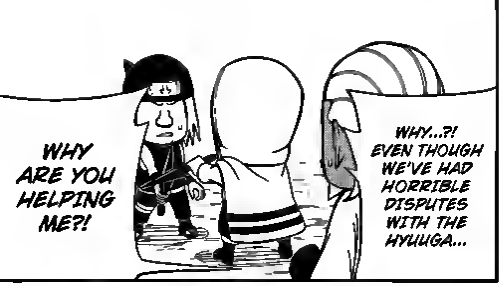
...ALL THAT IS...
MORE THAN ENOUGH REASON TO TARGET KUMOGAKURE'S RAIKAGE...

THIS ALL HAPPENED WHEN NEJI WAS FOUR YEARS OLD...
AND EVEN NOW, THE TWO VILLAGES REMAIN ALLIES, ALL THANKS TO THAT MAN...

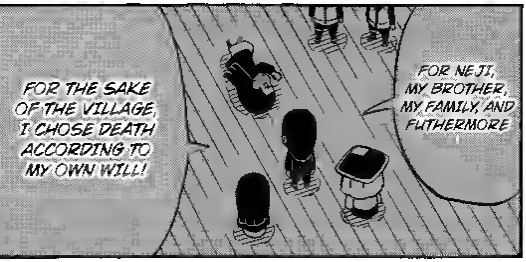
MANGA STREAM
CRUNCH
IS NONE OTHER THAN...
IT'S NOT UNTHINK-ABLE...
THAT THE CRIMINAL TRYING TO ASSASSINATE THE RAIKAGE...

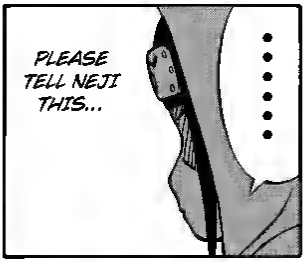
I FOUND YOU!
.....
SLIP
WHY...
!!
NO...
HE'S HERE! NEJI!

WHY IS NEJI PROTECTING THE RAIKAGE...?!
ISN'T THE CRIMINAL THAT MISSING-NIN WE'VE BEEN TRACKING?!
ARGH!
ANYWAY...
THIS GUY'S DISAP-PEARANCE JUTSU IS NO ORDINARY TECHNIQUE...
THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO FOLLOW HIM ALONE...
NO ONE CAN ESCAPE FROM THE BYAKUGAN!


WHY ARE YOU HELPING ME?!
WHY...?! EVEN THOUGH WE'VE HAD HORRIBLE DISPUTES WITH THE HYUUGA...

YOU...
YOU'RE A HYUUGA...!


FOR THE SAKE OF THE VILLAGE, I CHOSE DEATH ACCORDING TO MY OWN WILL!
FOR NEJI, MY BROTHER, MY FAMILY, AND FUTHERMORE


PLEASE TELL NEJI THIS...
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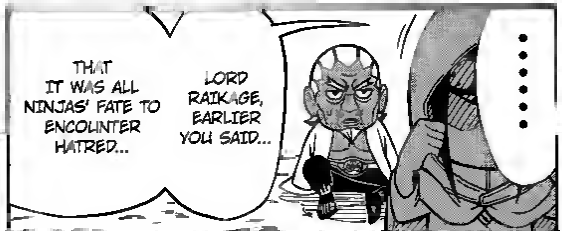
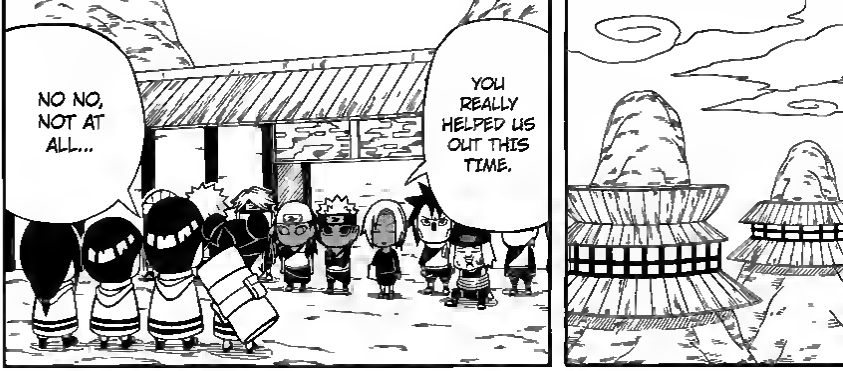
I WANTED TO CHOOSE MY FATE FOR MYSELF... REALLY, THAT'S IT...
I WANTED TO TAKE THIS ONE CHANCE TO REVERSE THE FATE OF THE HYUUGA CLAN...

IF THAT'S TRUE...

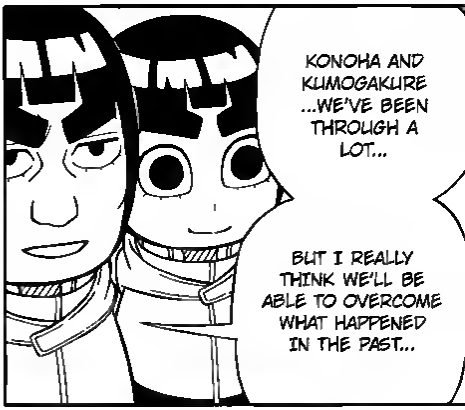

THAT IT WAS ALL NINJAS' FATE TO ENCOUNTER HATRED...
LORD RAIKAGE, EARLIER YOU SAID...
.....

THAT FATE!!
I CAN TRY TO REVERSE...
MANGA STREAM
YEEE EEAAAA AHHH!!
HUH?
ALRIGHT, YOU CAN'T ESCAPE!
HEY... WHAT ...!!
SLIP
LET'S GET HIM WITH A LARIAT ...AH, OH!

UM...EH...OK... L-LARIAT EIGHT TRIGRAMS PALMS ROTATION!!
YOU PULLED THROUGH IN A PINCH, BUT DOESN'T THAT SO-CALLED 'NEW TECHNIQUE' SEEM A LITTLE FORCED?


NO NO, NOT AT ALL...
YOU REALLY HELPED US OUT THIS TIME.

OF SHINOBI WHO HAVE A STRONG WILL TO PROTECT THEIR VILLAGES AND THEIR FAMILY...
THAT'S BECAUSE ...


KONOHA AND KUMOGAKURE ...WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT...
BUT I REALLY THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO OVERCOME WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST...

I KNOW TWO AMAZING ONES.

OOOH...
...I CAN'T HELP BUT HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT ALL OF THIS...
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS! LET THE TRAINING BEGIN! STARTING WITH SUBTRACTION!
YES, SIR! COMMENCING TRAINING! I'LL BEGIN BY MULTIPLYING FRACTIONS!
DON'T FRONT, YOU CHUMP!
HOW ABOUT IT? LET'S START TRAINING TOGETHER IN THE SAME FASHION!
YOU BROUGHT ME TO TEARS WITH YOUR INSANE PASSION!
EH... NO...
SPEAKING OF FASHION, WHAT THE HELL KIND OF TRAINING IS THIS?!
YO YO
DON'T FRONT, YOU CHUMPS! YEAAHHHH!
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NO PAIN, NO GAIN! YO!!
MANGA STREAM
ROCK LEE'S SPRINGTIME OF YOUTH
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